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SUBJECT: ASIAN VEGETABLE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER,
SHANHUA, TAINAN COUNTY

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1. WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S EVALUATION OF THIS REGIONAL PROJECT AND ITS PROSPECTS FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT BY THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, AND JAPAN, ALL OF WHOM NO LONGER HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROC. IF THESE NATIONS WITHDRAW OR DIMINISH THEIR SUPPORT OF THE PROJECT, WILL GROC STEP INTO THE GAP? WHAT ARE THE PROSPECTS FOR GROC TO GRADUALLY TAKE OVER ENTIRE FUNDING?

2. FYI. AID IS CURRENTLY PLANNING TO PROGRAM 600

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THOUSAND DOLS. PER YEAR OR UP TO 25 PERCENT IF BUDGET

EXCEEDS 2.4 MILLION, SUBJECT TO FUNDS AVAILABILITY AND PERIODIC REVIEW. WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT DR. MOOMAW HAS RECEIVED ASSURANCES THAT THAILAND AND PHILIPPINES WILL CONTINUE TO SUPPORT AVRDC.

3. IN THE COURSE OF ITS ASSESSMENT, EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID RAISING GROG CONCERN ABOUT CONTINUED USG SUPPORT. KISSINGER

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